

Anti-Maduro protests spread Venezuela opposition says he stole vote; four killed in police shooting

REUTERS, Caracas

Protests spread around Venezuela yesterday and police fired tear gas in the capital Caracas as the opposition said it had voting tally proof it won a weekend election awarded to long ruling socialist President Nicolas Maduro.

Demotions began after the election board, which critics say is in the pocket of a dictatorial government, declared on Monday that Maduro had won a third term with 51 percent of the vote, extending his "Chavista" movement's quarter-century rule.

But the opposition said the 73 percent of vote tallies to which it has access showed its candidate Edmundo Gonzalez had won by a landslide, with more than twice as many votes as Maduro.

Many Venezuelans staged "cacerolazos", a traditional Latin American protest where people bang pots and pans in anger. Some blocked roads, lit fires and threw petrol bombs at police. At least four people were killed as police fired tear gas and rubber bullets at protesters.



Demonstrators react when molotov cocktails hit the ground in front of security forces during protests against election results after Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro and his opposition rival Edmundo Gonzalez claimed victory in presidential election, in Puerto La Cruz, Venezuela on Monday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

CHINESE ACTIONS IN DISPUTED WATERS

US pledges funds to boost Philippine defences

REUTERS, Manila

The United States yesterday pledged funding of \$500 million for the Philippines' military and coast guard in a big show of support for Manila as it faces Chinese actions in disputed waters in the South China Sea.



Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin met their Philippine counterparts in Manila to reaffirm Washington's unwavering commitment to its oldest treaty ally in Asia.

"This level of funding is unprecedented, and it sends a clear message of support for the Philippines, from the Biden-Harris administration, the US Congress and the American people," Austin said in joint press conference following security talks.

Ahead of their meetings, Blinken and Austin met with President Ferdinand Marcos Jr who has moved the Philippines closer to Washington since he replaced Rodrigo Duterte, who was openly hostile to the Americans and pursued warmer ties with China during his six year term.

"I'm always very happy that these communication lines are very open so that all the things that we are doing together... are continuously examined and re-examined so we are agile in terms of our responses," Marcos said.

The Philippines has competing claims with China in the waters to its west also known as the South China Sea. China claims 90 percent of the sea as its sovereign territory.

Violence broke out after a Filipino sailor lost a finger in a June 17

mission to resupply troops stationed at a contested shoal after what Manila described as "intentional-high speed ramming" by the Chinese coast guard.

Manila reached a provisional arrangement with China for resupply missions this month to ease tensions and manage differences, but the two sides appear at odds over the details of the deal, which has not been made public. Philippine foreign minister Enrique Manalo said in the same news conference his country agreed to an "exchange of information" under its arrangement with China.

Blinken said the US shares the Philippines' concerns about "escalatory" actions China has taken in the South China Sea.

Blinken also reaffirmed Washington's "ironclad" commitment to defend the Philippines against an armed attack on its vessels, aircraft and soldiers in the waterway.

A 2016 ruling by the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague found that China's claims had no basis under international law.

SOUTH CHINA SEA ROW EU offers Vietnam security support

REUTERS, Hanoi

The European Union's foreign policy chief Josep Borrell said yesterday EU wanted to guarantee peace in South China Sea and told Vietnam the bloc could help boost its maritime security and cybersecurity capabilities.

The Southeast Asian country is at odds with China over its boundaries in the South China Sea, a crucial shipping waterway which Beijing claims almost in its entirety - a stance that has caused tensions with other countries in the region as well.

In a meeting with Vietnam's Foreign Minister Bui Thanh Son in Hanoi, Borrell, who is approaching the end of his five-year term as High Representative for EU Foreign Affairs, said the 27-country bloc had a "direct interest in maintaining peace and stability" in the South China Sea, where over a third of EU imports and more than 20% of its exports transit.

Russia captures another village in eastern Ukraine

AFP, Moscow

Russian forces said yesterday they had captured another village in their offensive in Ukraine's eastern Donetsk region.

The defence ministry said Russia had "liberated" the village of Pivdenne, on the outskirts of Toretsk, a larger town which Russian forces have advanced towards in recent months.

Before Russia launched its full-scale military offensive in 2022, the village had a population of around 1,400, according to Ukrainian government estimates.

Moscow has claimed to have taken a string of villages in the Donetsk region in recent weeks -- many consisting of just a few streets.

Russia claimed to have annexed the Donetsk region -- along with three others in eastern and southern Ukraine -- in 2022, despite not fully controlling it.

Its forces have been closing in on Toretsk, a town that was once home to around 30,000 people, in its latest assault.

Pivdenne -- which Russia referred to by its former name of Leninske -- is around six kilometres (four miles) southeast of Toretsk.

SHOTS FIRED BY GANGS Haiti PM escapes unharmed

AFP, Port au Prince

Haiti's prime minister escaped unharmed Monday after gangs opened fire near a hospital he was visiting, a government source told AFP, as the troubled nation seeks to restore stability after months of gang related violence.

Garry Conille, who came to office in June, was leaving the establishment in a gang controlled area of capital Port au Prince when gunmen began firing automatic weapons, the official said on condition of anonymity. Conille, escorted by Haitian police and members of a UN-backed Kenyan security force, was able to flee the area unharmed.

Video footage showed several police officers running to take cover as shots rang out. It has not been announced if there were any injuries.

The hospital building was under gang control from the end of February until early July, when a police operation succeeded in taking it back.

Criminal groups control 80 percent of Port au Prince, with residents saying they have faced threat of murder, rape and kidnapping for ransom.

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01	(A) Improvement of Pungi-Mohaver Road from Ch. 1250-2230m, (B) Construction of 1 Nos 0.60x0.60 Culvert 6m Long at Ch. 1425m on same Road under Niamatpur Upazila, District: Naogaon. (Road ID No- 164694003) (Package No. NDRIDP/W-239). (Tender ID- 1004092).	28-Aug-2024 17:00	29-Aug-2024 12:00	29-Aug-2024 12:00	OTM
02	(A) Improvement of Dampura High School Pucca More-Dhahuka via Nichintopur-Pariol Pucca Road from Ch. 00-1000m, (B) Construction of 3 Nos 0.60x0.60 Culvert 6m Long at Ch. 75m, 345m, & 425m on same Road under Niamatpur Upazila, District: Naogaon. (Road ID No- 164695114) (Package No. NDRIDP/W-293). (Tender ID- 1004090).	28-Aug-2024 17:00	29-Aug-2024 12:00	29-Aug-2024 12:00	OTM
03	(A) Improvement of Nacholpucca Road-Sonapur-Mongletara Road from Ch. 00-600m, (B) Construction of 2 Nos 0.60x0.60 Culvert 6m Long at Ch. 120m & 420m on same Road under Niamatpur Upazila, District: Naogaon. (Road ID No- 164695083) (Package No. NDRIDP/W-280). (Tender ID- 1004089).	28-Aug-2024 17:00	29-Aug-2024 12:00	29-Aug-2024 12:00	OTM
04	(A) Improvement of Modhool-Rawal Road from Ch. 1722-5780m, (B) Construction of 11 Nos 0.60x0.60 Culvert 6m Long at Ch. 1990m, 2930m, 3052m, 3080m, 4239m, 4557m, 4592m, 4720m, 4898m, 5209m & 5688m on same Road under Niamatpur Upazila, District: Naogaon. (Road ID No- 164695048) (Package No. NDRIDP/W-238). (Tender ID- 1004088).	28-Aug-2024 17:00	29-Aug-2024 12:00	29-Aug-2024 12:00	OTM
05	(A) Improvement of Choyghatidighi-Layapukuria pucca Road from Ch. 00-1100m, (B) Construction of 3 Nos 0.60x0.60 Culvert 6m Long at Ch. 70m, 365m, & 852m on same Road under Niamatpur Upazila, District: Naogaon. (Road ID No- 164695108) (Package No. NDRIDP/W-296). (Tender ID- 1004087).	28-Aug-2024 17:00	29-Aug-2024 12:00	29-Aug-2024 12:00	OTM
06	(A) Improvement of Niamatpur Collage More-Morihari-Bijli village Road from Ch. 1000-2700m, (B) Construction of 6 Nos 0.60x0.60 Culvert 6m Long at Ch. 1120m, 1570m, 1790m, 1865m, 2310m & 2575m on same Road under Niamatpur Upazila, District: Naogaon. Salvage Cost Tk. 1,05,328.00 (Road ID No- 164694058) (Package No. NDRIDP/W-283). (Tender ID- 1004086).	28-Aug-2024 17:00	29-Aug-2024 12:00	29-Aug-2024 12:00	OTM
07	(A) Improvement of Aghor-Ramgaon Road from Ch. 1500-2780m (B) Construction of 3 Nos 0.60x0.60 Culvert 6m Long at Ch. 2008m, 2280m & 2507m on same Road under Niamatpur Upazila, District: Naogaon (Road ID No- 164694033) (Package No. NDRIDP/W-253). (Tender ID- 1004085).	28-Aug-2024 17:00	29-Aug-2024 12:00	29-Aug-2024 12:00	OTM
08	(A) Improvement of Chatra GC-Chandannagr UP-Banipur hat Road from Ch. 5000-5980m (B) Construction of 5 Nos 0.60x0.60m Culvert 6m Long at Ch. 5130m, 5172m, 5480m, 5654m & 5835m on same Road under Niamatpur Upazila, District: Naogaon (Road ID No- 164693005) (Package No. NDRIDP/W-233). (Tender ID- 1004084).	28-Aug-2024 17:00	29-Aug-2024 12:00	29-Aug-2024 12:00	OTM

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মোকাবেলা/প্রক্রম		নির্বাচন প্রক্রিয়ার সময়সূচী	
০১	মন্ত্রণালয়/বিভাগ	১ হাজারী সরকার বিভাগ, হাজারী সরকার, পাল্লা টায়ারন ও সময়সূচী মন্ত্রণালয়	১০২৪-৭-১৫
০২	জেলপ্র/প্রতিষ্ঠান	১ রাজবাড়ী পৌরসভা, রাজবাড়ী	১০২৪-৭-১৫
০৩	প্রক্রিয়া/এন্টিটির নাম	১ মেরার, রাজবাড়ী পৌরসভা, রাজবাড়ী	১০২৪-৭-১৫
০৪	প্রক্রিয়া/এন্টিটির কোড নং	১ প্রযোজন নামে।	১০২৪-৭-১৫
০৫	প্রক্রিয়া/এন্টিটির জেলা	১ রাজবাড়ী।	১০২৪-৭-১৫
০৬	প্রক্রিয়া/এন্টিটির জেলা	১ এল.টি.এম (LTM) (PPR/2008 অনুযায়ী)।	১০২৪-৭-১৫
০৭	প্রক্রিয়া/প্রক্রিয়া	১ কানেক্ট প্রক্রিয়া।	১০২৪-৭-১৫
০৮	দরপত্র বিজ্ঞপ্তি নং	১ ০১/২০২৪-২৫	১০২৪-৭-১৫
০৯	তহিনির উৎস	১ "বিপ্রয়োগ করা হচ্ছে এবং তহিনির উৎস"।	১০২৪-৭-১৫
১০	দরপত্র ক্রমান্বয়	১ (ক) উত্তরাধিকারীর প্রক্রিয়া বিভাগ, হাজারী সরকার শাস্তা, জেলা প্রশাসকের কার্যালয়, রাজবাড়ী। (খ) নির্বাচনী প্রক্রিয়ার কার্যালয়, এলজিইডি, রাজবাড়ী। (গ) নির্বাচনী প্রক্রিয়ার কার্যালয়।	১০২৪-৭-১৫
১১	দরপত্র দাখিলের স্থান		